*Dewan's reply.*—The subject is under consideration of Government in the Legislative Department. It has been brought to the notice of Government that cattle trespass fines and cattle pound receipts are unduly heavy in some parts (the Kadur District for instance) more than in others. The statistics and their significance will also require examination.

**Subject No. 17.**

**Coffee Stealing Prevention Act.**

*Summary of Discussion.*—The Coffee Stealing Prevention Act, as pointed out by Mr. Brett last year is ample, were its provisions systematically carried out by the Police. Planters endeavoured to stimulate the action of the Police last season by offering rewards, for conviction, but little good has resulted. Planters therefore ask that orders may be issued to the Police in the Coffee Districts for enforcing more rigorously the provisions of this Act. Special emphasis being given to those sections of the Act which empower the Police to demand the production of accounts from shop-keepers and others suspected of receiving stolen coffee. The Planters' Association would also draw attention to the inadequacy of the sentences sometimes awarded. The Act is all that can be desired. Only the Police and Magistracy should work it properly. The Deputy Commissioner Colonel Campbell observed that the Act was in itself adequate and there was no complaint on that score. The offers of reward made by the Association have had a good effect. Only the rewards should be more promptly paid. Every year about crop time, a circular is issued drawing the attention of the Police to the provisions of the Act, and stimulating their exertions under it. This we shall continue to do, and it may be hoped that there will be no room for complaint in the future.

*Dewan's reply.*—That is sufficient and all that need be done. The attention of the Inspector General of Police and of Magistrates generally will be drawn to the remarks now submitted in regard to the working of this Act.

**Subject No. 18.**

**Roads in the Coffee District.**

*Summary of Discussion.*—The request of Planters at last year's Assembly was not, as would appear from the Proceedings, that all District Local Fund Roads should be metalled. This would indeed in many cases be a waste of money. It rather was that the necessary repairs should be carried out at the right time. What is required is more supervision when the work would be economically carried out. Colonel Bowen advocated the appointment of a special subordinate officer exclusively for roads, and the Planters' Association specially wish to insist on the necessity for this. Colonel Bowen is reported to have said that "the traffic in recent years has assumed enormous proportions, and was now much heavier than this class of roads was ever intended to carry". This surely conveys with it, the obvious admission that the roads are not all they should be, as some, among many others require immediate attention. Examples of this are, the roads from Yedahalli to Shimoga, and from Yedahalli to Lakkavalli, and